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I'm...
s-sorry...
uuuhhhhh...
BROAST
BORSCHT
...BB?
Yeah Mist? Can I help?
BB, I think I'm gonna...
I think sleep deprivation is getting to me, the dog...
...the dog in there...
What is it?
The... the dog in there, he knows my name.
He called me Misty.
Blackbird, I... I...I... think I'm losing my mind? Am I losing my mind?
Take it easy, Mist. You're gonna be okay.

I... don't think so, I think I need to get rest, or a... a chemical of some kind...

Misty. Listen to me very carefully.

What I'm about to do is gonna scare you. But I ***won't hurt you***. Got it?

I need you to ***not panic,*** okay?

Not panic about whaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

Misty! Look at me!

Look in my eyes, okay?

Don't panic!

aaaaaaaaaaaaaa

It's okay. Just watch.

You're not gonna panic, right?

aaaaaAAAAAAAAAmm!!

JESUS CHRIST, WHY DOES EVERYONE ALWAYS PANIC?!

Misty, look into my eyes. Look, it's me.

It's Blackbird.

Y-you... *you?*

Me.

B-but, but the dog in there...

That's Duran. Same thing.

AAOH God...!

MISTY!

I know this is weird, but it'll be okay!

We won't hurt you! We aren't monsters.

But you... how did... how long have you been...

...this?

Hhhhaaahh...

A long time.

We'll tell you everything, but it ***has to be*** secret.

Understand? We need someone we can trust.

Me? But I can't...

...we can't keep this quiet, it'd be impossible...

It's ***been*** quiet, until now. But if people find out, we're dead.

Understand, Misty? ***Dead.***

...but that'd never...

...no, you're right.

Even if they didn't dissect you, you're too rare, too strange to be set free.

Please, Misty...

We need your help...

I don't wanna be locked up...

How can I say 'no' to that face?

There. Painkillers are in him. He's stable, but he might have some, uh, entertaining dreams.

Honey? You still in there?

Uuugh...

Blackbird? What's...?

You're gonna be okay. Doctor said so.

Human thoughts, hu-u-u-u-man thoughts.

Doctor?

Hospital?

Bills?

Good boy.

Zzzz...

So.

Guess I've missed a lot.

Y'know, this explains an awful lot about you, BB. The nightlife.

The weird habits.

The jumping out of windows.

Yeah, heh, I guess it does.

But who's the mutant mop in the cage?

That's my ex-boyfriend, Django.

From the old days. I don't think you met him.

No, pretty sure I'd remember a face like that.

But then again...

...I don't think I know you at all, anymore.

Were you ever going to tell me?

No. It's always a secret.

Right. Even from your best friend.

From you, from Abe. Everyone.

Is this why you hit it off with Duran?

He was... like you?

No, that part's my fault. Our first hookup, I bit him.

Stupid mistake. The kind I make all the time. The kind I keep coming to you about.

Heheheh.

That's what friends are for.

Thanks, Mist. I know I don't say it often enough, but thanks.

Hoooooh.

BB.

You're my best friend. And I love you.

But you owe me.

Yeah.

Yeah, I can't argue that.

You owe me *a lot*, and not just for tonight.

How can I pay you back?

I want you to bite me.

!!!

You... what?

I want to be a werewolf, like you.

That's how it works, right?

Y-yeah, but...

...I don't think that's a good idea, the last time I bit someone...

...he became your boyfriend.

But... but that's just hindsight, biting isn't predictable, it isn't natural, I...

I don't think I can.

Of course you can! You two did it, so why not me?

It's not... not that simple, I have a real bad history with...

History, ***nothin'!*** You already know me! You ***just said*** you'd trust me!

I do, but-

But ***THE FUCK*** what?! You don't have a good reason to say 'no,' do you?!

Misty, please understand, I-

DON'T TOUCH ME!!!

Don't...!

...You're beautiful.

Um...?

Look at you!

Look at yourself!

Both of you! You're wonderful!

Like something out of a dream...

Misty, I...

I *do* trust you, but...

...but every time I bite someone, things go wrong, and people get hurt, and...

I'm not afraid of what might happen to me.

I am.

No fair.

You can't be and do all these wonderful things and not tell me!

It's not fair! I wanna have fun, too!

Misty, it's not only...

Werewolfing changes *you!*

In more ways than one! You could end up like Django!

I don't want be responsible for turning you into something like that!

Maybe I *don't wanna* be me anymore, huh?

I wanna change, I want *out!*

You want out of your good, educated job? I don't have that!

Duran can barely hang on to his own job, sometimes! It's all we can do to just hold it together!

Hold it together, MY ASS!

I'll never get that goddamn promotion!

Six days a week of this shit, overtime and nights!

All they do is schedule me even more!

It means *nothing!*

I *wanna* throw all this shit away!

I DON'T CARE!!!

I DON'T...!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING WITH MY LIFE!

aaahuh!

ggaahhuh!

snnff

aaAAauuhuh!

wwaaahuuuhhhah!

waaaahhahuh!
snff
snff
I work...!
So hard...!
Oh, Misty...
And all I get...!
Is more work...!
And nobody...!
Listens to me...!
There, there, it'll be okay...
NO!!
NO, YOU-!
You fucking-!
Leave me alone!
Just leave me alone.

You.

Django.

That's your name, right?

Woof.

Nah, none of that. I know you can talk.

Hmph. Really.

Let me out.

If you want out, you'll cooperate.

Or could not. Could break out. Not very hard.

It'd be a lot harder with that collar shocking you over and over.

Pfft. Human toy.

Think it's clever?

You got nothi-

You seem like a tough customer, so I went ahead and turned it up to 8.

But we could try 9, or 10, or 15, if you want.

RRRRGGH!!! Try that again! Lose your hand!

There won't be any need for that. I'll let you out.

You... what?

If you do something for me. *Tradesies.*

For *you?* Pfft. No, never trade. Not with human.

Then you'll stay in there all night.

And in the morning, I'll hand you over to whatever laboratory wants you the most.

And they'll spend the rest of your life cutting your *fascinating* body into little

tiny

meaty

cubes.

...What you want?

Answers. And something else...

Rrrrrrrrggghh...

Hey, hey, try not to move too much.

What... happened?

I called in a favor. You're gonna be okay.

I remember... ...Django?

He's locked up. We'll deal with him in the morning.

I remember my... my crotch?

Well...

...I haven't looked too close, but...

...werewolves don't take damage in quite the same way humans do.

You'll probably be packing heat again before too long.

Haaah, thanks...

Good to know you're...

...prioritizing...

...zzzzz...

I love you, big guy.

...and you transform.

Wow. Blackbird never told me any of this.

Heh. So Birdie learned. From me.

Yeah, you're big on secrets, aren't you.

Is it a secret why both their bodies are... normal-ish, and you're a mess?

I'm different. More experience. More talent. Not softened. Not a *dog*.

Cool, cool, that makes no sense, cool.

Would I turn out like you? Or would I be like them?

Can't tell. Depends on you.

Could... teach you.

How to live.

Outside.

Free.

That would be...

...very interesting.

But one step at a time.

AAAHH! YES! Now, collar!

Haaah... fine. Give arm.

No. You do your part first.

Um...

Ah!

Aa-ah!

Ooooh...

Is... is that it?

Yes.

I don't feel any different.

Takes time. Now, collar.

...No, I want to be sure you didn't lie to me. We'll wait.

Not our deal. Collar. Now.

Watch it, asshole!

You're gonna be a *patient* patient, or I'll-

You'll what?

ZGGHKzAAAAH!!!

LET GO OF ME! *LET GO!* FUCK! *FUUUUCK!*

YOU LITTLE SHIT! Give me tha-

AAAAH!!!

Motherfucker!

I should've known!

Birdie! Nice to se-

-EEYAAAARGH!!!

NO, IT REALLY ISN'T!!

...give...me...

AAAUUUAAUA

Fuck it...

Straight to 15...

ARRAAAAAARGH!!

MISTY!!

Oh my god, are you okay?!

Did he-

Oh no.

Oh Mist, tell me you didn't.

Sorry, BB.

It was my... my own decision...

Goddammit, I should've just said yes...

Are you gonna pass out...?

I feel my arm throbbing. And I'm getting dizzy.

Shit. Looks like we're gonna need another doctor...

I'm sorry, this is my fault. Stupid experiment, stupid and dangerous...

...pick up my phone.

Right, I'll call 911.

No, ***answer*** my phone.

It's... not ringing?

Yes it is! I hear it, I hear-

You don't hear that?

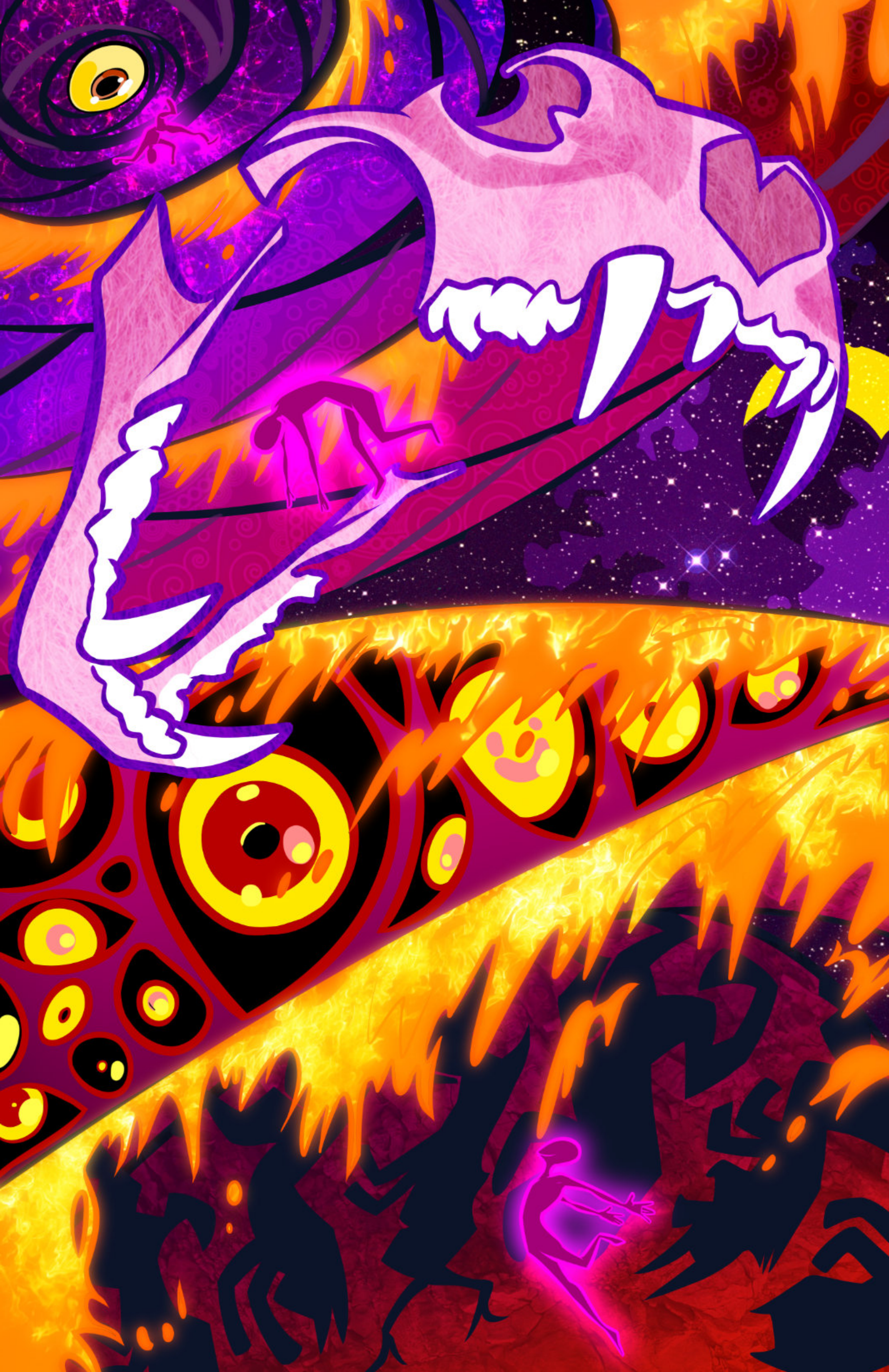
...I hear a lot of things, what do ***you*** hear?

The ringing. The... voices...

...What?

Drums... laughter...

...oh god, make it stop...



...uuhhh...

...oh *fuck*, that hurt...

...was I always laying on this floor?

BB?

Hey Mist. Take it easy, okay?

Things are, uh, just a little bit different now.

Here, try to stand up...

Ooooh, the world's still spinning...

I gotta ge-

AAAH!!

...these are my hands.

Those are your hands.

My skin, it's...

That's your fur.

I'm... orange?

Eh.

More of an auburn.

I have... ...claws...

Think you can handle a mirror?

I... dunno...

Try it. Slowly.

RESTROOM

That's...

That's me, isn't it?

That's you. You're a-

I'M SO CUTE!!

And my fur goes all dark on my neck and whoa whoa whoa whoa whoa...!

You're taking it well!

OH MY GOD MY NECK IS SO *FLUFFAAAAYY*

You're not panicking! That's very good!

I have such big teeth!

And my-

I have a ***TAIL!***

I can wag my ***TAIL!***

Blackbird, this is ***amazing!***

Right?! We should-

I should... ...have... ...told you this years ago...

Oh, BB, I understand now, why you didn't.

This is, uh, a lot to absorb!

Yeah, let's uh, let's talk more, when this is all over with.

We really shou-

Shit! I almost forgot about our other patient!

...aaaahfuck...

...doctor...meds...
...insurance...

Oh, don't worry, this one's paid for.

Ah...are you a friend of Blackbird's?

Yep!

And a friend of yours too, big guy!

BUH?!

Indeed!

But later!

For now, we've gotta clean up what we can, and then bolt.

Even if Django doesn't come back, I think it's safe to say that after making this mess, I am ***fired...***

"Come back?"

...uh, just get dressed and help bleach the floors. We'll fill you in.

...That's a lot to absorb.

Exactly!

So where do we go now? If he can sniff us out...

Well, the collar will slow him down.

Even if he's not in range of my remote, if he tries to remove it by force, he'll keep getting zapped.

That won't keep him away forever.

I've been trying to think of places to hide, but all that comes to mind is...

I know. I thought the same thing.

So...

...does anyone here have any favors to cash in with Abe?

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Hey Abe, it's Misty!

Hey, birthday babe, you get to work okay?

Oh yeah, yeah, I did, but uh, something's come up.

There was a, uh, little work--related incident, during a house call.

I'm probably fired.

Fired?!

Yeah, and we can't, uh... I have Blackbird and Duran here, and they need help too.

Three of you? What the fuck happened?

It's uh... I can tell you about it when we get there, but can you please leave the back door open for us?

ABSOLUTELY FUCKING NOT!

Cuz, deja-vu, I have to ***replace*** that door! A cop was here earlier and everything!

Those two are ***out of chances!***

But Abe...

WHAT?!

...it's my ***biiiirthdaaaay***.

...Fine. One night. ***One.***

Thank you, Abe!

You people are gonna be the fuckin' death of me.

He says we get one night.

More than I expected.

Hey Blackbird?

Does Abe know? About all of this?

Mmm?

...Maybe?

I've never told him. He might have guessed some things, over the years, but...

...I doubt he knows the whole story. Nobody ever figures it out on their own.

Yeah, I've known you for longer, and I didn't.

Well, maybe we should tell him.

Maybe we've told enough people for one night, and don't need more.

Maybe there are ***four*** werewolves running around town now, one of whom tried to kill me.

You don't think Abe deserves to know what he's dealing with?

You know Abe, he can cope with danger.

Abe can cope with drunks, gangs, or the occasional proselytizer.

With killer dogmen, I don't know.

We've been stressing him out too much as it is.

Oh, like ***you've*** ever cared if you stress people out.

Hey, quick question, how do I turn my skin back on?

So, what's the news?

The *real* news, I mean.

ABRACADABRA

We're being followed by a guy. A ***dangerous*** guy.

My ex, actually. He's tried to hurt us.

He's tried to hurt ***me.***

Yeah, you look it.

Alright, you know where the room is. Don't destroy it this time, please.

...Don't you want to tell him the ***whole*** story, Blackbird?

I ***told*** you, we don't need to worry him with details.

Oh, I'm already worried.

But you can tell me as much as you need.

Right. Yeah.

I'll hold off on-

Y'know what? Don't bother.

Why did I even ask?

Whatever, Don't tell him. Or tell him all you want.

Tell ***him*** all the things you didn't tell ***me.***

I, um...

I'll um, be up there too. Gonna get some air.

If you need me.

You want to talk?

I dunno.

You want to drink?

Yes.

Deeply.

pop

Still amazes me, how you can do that.

Yeah, well. I'm full of surprises.

...He is, too, though you would never expect it.

Hey.

Hey. Sorry you got mixed up in all this.

Happy birthday, I guess.

Best present I've gotten in a long time.

Yeah, well. It's not all dog treats and walkies.

No, I guess it couldn't be. But I'll grow used to it.

No, you won't.

...What?

I mean, *I'm* still not used to it. After a while.

When, uh, did it happen, exactly?

The night you introduced us, after we went upstairs.

Heheheheh.

So she waited for, what, twenty minutes?

Gotta be her personal record.

She's the most exciting person I've ever met.

And not just for the obvious reasons.

She's *so* ***energetic***, so much fun.

Yeah, believe me, I know.

...Am I a boring person, Misty?

...Huh?

I program robots to lift things all day, how thrilling is that?

And yeah, I'm a werewolf, but that's...

I didn't *do* that. Didn't happen for who I am.

Your job isn't why she likes you, dude.

Then what else is there?

What else could anyone like? About a fat dude with a computer degree, and no temper...

And all these disasters keep happening...

And she's... just... *obligated* to be with me.

PFFFFT! No!

Don't laugh at it! She is!

NO! Have you ***seen*** that girl's attention span, how she flakes?

If all she felt for you was ***obligated***, she'd be gone already.

I... yeah, fair point...

Also, you have a big dick.

Boy, I hope so.

He's been good to you, yeah? You two were head over heels.

He's been great! Things have been wonderful, I... I mean... we...

We've had our own, uh, hang-ups, like any couple...

Hang-ups involving hostile ex-boyfriends?

Among other things, yeah. And now it's really dangerous.

Duran's a guy who can handle some danger.

It's not just...

...I mean, yeah. He adapts to new problems ***so fast.*** He's incredible.

But I just keep giving him new problems.

Maybe I'm not good for him, after all, I... maybe I should leave.

...Do you mean that?

I think I do. Yes.

I mean, you ***can,*** but I don't see how walking away helps.

Earlier tonight, you took one drink, walked away, and then all this happened.

If I ***don't*** leave, this is just gonna hurt ***everyone!***

That asshole wants ***me***, and he ***will*** try to kill all of you if you're in his way!

And you think we're gonna let you go it alone? ***Really?***

You... none of you should have gotten involved.

Too bad. We're helping. Suck on it.

I figured you'd say something like that.

You and Misty.

Misty leapt right into ***all*** of it, tonight. Didn't even ***blink.***

I'd probably just ruin ***their*** life, too.

Um... so with Misty, does that...

...does that make you a menage-a-trois?

WHAT?

No, no, no, I'm rambling. Don't mind what I say.

No one should.

I don't know why I bothered opening up to her. I don't have anything good to show her.

Course you do. And it's good that you did.

Opening up to Blackbird was the best thing that ever happened to me.

I mean, hell, I'm a ***werewolf*** now. And I have ***huge teeth.***

You always had teeth, Mist.

So did you.

What've you been doing up here, anyway?

Oh, I've just been researching. Trying to find scientific papers on werewolves.

I don't know what I was expecting. The only real ones I've found were written by a guy who's, a little, uh...

...a little bit ***eeeeeeesh.***

It's all original research, but it's so bizarre...

Don't bother with research or data. You gotta adapt to it with practice.

I've learned that much.

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Yeah, I guess you're right. And I do have more questions for Blackbird.

Think she'll talk to me?

Only one way to find out.

Hey.

Hey. You two've been talking?

About a few things.

Nothing major.

...Do you hate me?

No. Do *you* hate *me?*

No.

...Do you want to leave me?

Kind of.

Really?

I don't think it's working, do you?

I just want us to talk it out. For real this time.

I mean, I do too, but... not in front of them.

Then can we go somewhere private, like the-

MIDNIGHT CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT!
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!
COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

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